

Democratic Official Arrested for Lie About Harding; Republican Victory Forecast, 360 Electoral Votes

Court Clerk Accused of Vile Slander

**Said to Have Circulated
Yarn About Nominee's
Ancestry for Which
Chancellor Was Ousted**

**Charge of Colored
Blood Proved False**

**Dayton Journal Crucifies
Libel by Publishing**

Full Genealogical Data

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
READING, Pa., Oct. 30.—Harvey L. Bausher, clerk of Quarter Sessions of Berks County, and prominent Democrat, was arrested to-day on a charge of criminal libel for distributing printed copies of a circular which sketches Senator Warren G. Harding's family tree and makes defamatory statements about his an-

The circulars were based on data furnished by William Estabrook Chancellor, the Wooster College professor, who yesterday was dismissed from the faculty of that institution for circulating letters slurring Senator Harding's ancestry.

The charges against Bausher were preferred by Thomas C. Seidal, Republican county chairman, on behalf of Senator Harding. The warrant was issued by Alderman Charles A. High. Bausher furnished \$1,000 bail for his appearance in court, declining a hearing because Alderman High is a Republican.

In a statement issued after his arrest, Bausher said that legally Soical could not bring suit for libel for a citizen of another state. He charged that he was being prosecuted solely in an effort "to stem the tide against Harding."

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 30.—The Dayton Journal to-day in an editorial article placing its front page related defamatory statements about Senator Harding's ancestry, which were made in the form of circulars, scattered over the country.

Having branded the charge yesterday as a lie and the vilest plot and conspiracy in the history of the worst epochs of American politics, the newspaper, which is owned by Myron T. Miller, publisher and editor of the *Dayton Journal*, and also of the *Franklin*, and former Governor of Ohio, to-day published complete proof of their falsity, together with denials from the

The article yesterday, which was signed by E. G. Burkham, editor, said the time had come for plain speaking. It continued:

"Thousands upon thousands of typewritten, mimeographed and even printed statements, usually under the heading of the 'Fighting Family Trust,' have been distributed in Dayton and Montgomery County, at first in cowardly secrecy, and in the last two days openly and boldly, by men low down in the Democratic party, unprincipled heelers, and men who are up in the Democratic party who have no other business on earth."

Distributed by Wholesale

"This is the vilest plot and conspiracy in the history of the worst epochs of American politics. It is the author of the vilest conspiracy, this plot, is that its base allegations are a lie."

"Warren G. Harding has the blood of but one race in his veins—that of the white man. He is the descendant of a fine line of ancestors of good men and women. That is sufficient."

It is known that 150,000 copies of the slanderous Chancellor circular were distributed from the Capitol Building at Columbus on Thursday. A quarter of a million copies were distributed in San Francisco.

The article in to-day's Journal follows:

"The evidence shows what the truth is, what the facts are. The evidence not only indicts the cowardly campaign of vilification, but it declares that this low and indefensible assault upon the Harding family name is a lie.

Harding Genealogy Reproduced

"The Journal's evidence is short and

to the point. It presents, first, the authoritative genealogy of the family of Warren G. Harding; second, it presents the hard investigation of this genealogy by the Hon. J. F. Prendergast, a distinguished and eminent resident of Marion, Ohio, and a Democrat, which destroys the whole fabric of lies which were at first secretly and then boldly distributed among the people.

"The statement of this distinguished citizen is as follows:

citizen of Ohio, who made this investigation, is sufficient, but we go further and present the statement of the Hon. D. R. Crisinger, a member of one of the most honored law firms in the State of Ohio: